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Argument Today.

Values of Pearl Harbor land soared
all the way yesterday from \$240 to
\$3,000 an acre. All the evidence in the
long drawn out suit of the United
States vs. B. P. Bishop Estate is now
in, and the arguments to the jury will
begin this morning. The case may go
to the jury some time this afternoon
or tomorrow, but from the mass of
figures and contradictory values ac-
cumulated by some of the jurymen dur-
ing the progress of the trial, a verdict
will hardly be reached until after con-
siderable discussion behind the closed
doors of the jury room.

George F. Renton, manager of Ewa
plantation, was the first witness called
for the respondents yesterday morn-
ing. He placed the value of the con-
demned land (after qualifying as an
expert) at \$240 an acre. This referred
only to the arable cane land, about 350
acres.

A. V. Gear, who based his knowledge
of the values upon his experience in
the real estate business, estimated
Kuahua Island to be worth \$1,000 an
acre. There are forty-eight acres of
this land, and witness stated that it
could be cut up into residence lots, for
which purpose it was very desirable.
This witness also placed a value of
\$1,000 an acre for the 13,000 feet of
frontage on the mainland, divided into
lots extending back for 300 feet.

A. C. Lovekin, at one time chief clerk
of the Bishop Estate, and now a real
estate agent, was questioned in regard
to the leases, but he was not allowed
to answer, the leases having been ruled
out. The court said: "The only ques-
tion for this jury to consider is the
value of the fee of the land in contro-
versy, and the jury has nothing to do
with a lease, and will fix the value
only of the fee in the land the govern-
ment is seeking to condemn."

Cecil Brown placed the highest value
of any of the witnesses upon the land.
He stated that he had been in charge
of the James Campbell Estate, which
owns 40,000 acres in Ewa basin, and
almost all of the Ewa plantation, since
1877, and as such had made leases, and
was acquainted with the general value
of the land. He also acted as attorney
in the partition suit of the Queen Emma
estate. He placed an estimate of
\$300 an acre for the ploughed sugar
land on the mainland of the Bishop
property. Kuahua Island, he said,
could be used either as cane land, for
residences, or as a shipping depot.
Basing his figures on the value of the
land for residence purposes, the witness
said the market value was \$3,000
an acre, and the same land for raising
cane was worth \$200 an acre.

On cross-examination witness reit-
erated his previous statement as to
residence value, and added that for
shipping purposes the land was also
worth \$3,000 an acre. He said he based
this valuation on the opening of Pearl
Harbor, and if it was not opened, Kuahua
Island would be of no use for
wharves or warehouses.

"Is it not true," asked the court,
just as the witness was leaving the
stand, "that there has been consider-
able depreciation in the valuation of
residence property and sugar lands in
and about Honolulu with in the past
few years?"

"I think not," replied Mr. Brown.
"Sugar stocks have decreased,
haven't they?"

"Yes, that's true."
"Don't these stocks represent the
value of the land?"

"I do not believe they do," replied
Mr. Brown as he left the stand.
George J. Wagner, the last witness
of the forenoon, testified that he was
a civil engineer for Ewa plantation,
and had drawn the original and the
blue print of the land in dispute. He
testified that the general average
height of Kuahua Island was twenty-
two feet above the sea, the highest
point was twenty-two and a half feet,
and the elevation on the coast varied
from eighteen to twelve feet.

C. S. Desky was called as an expert
upon the opening of court in the after-
noon. He said he had eighteen years'
experience in the real estate business,
of which seven years was gained in
Honolulu. He placed a valuation of
\$750 an acre upon the land of Kuahua
Island, and estimated that the shore
property on the mainland, divided in
lots 200 feet deep from the shore, was
worth from \$500 to \$600 an acre.
J. F. Morgan, auctioneer and real
estate man, placed a value of from
\$800 to \$1,000 an acre on Kuahua Is-
land, and upon the land fronting on
the sea on the main tract, and 300 feet
deep, he placed a value of \$700 an
acre.

J. F. Brown, manager of the Hawai-
ian Abstract and Realty Company, and
formerly commissioner of public lands,
thought that the mainland waterfront
varied in value. There was some good
and some bad, but it was worth on
an average from \$750 to \$1,000 an acre,
divided up in lots 200 feet deep. He
said by this estimate he meant that
the land was not to be encumbered
with leases. Kuahua Island, he testi-
fied, was worth from \$1,200 to \$1,500 for
residence purposes. All of these wit-
nesses based their figures on the land
if used for residences. Mr. Brown said
that this land presented unusual ad-
vantages, in that it had fine oppor-
tunities for bathing and boating.
"Were there ever any residences
there?" asked Judge Estee.
"No, I don't think there were," re-
plied the witness.
"Do you know of anyone that wants
to build a residence there?"
"No, I can't say that I do."
"Is not this value for residence pur-
poses a speculative one?"
The witness replied that it was not,

but based upon the values of lots in
Pearl City and on the Peninsula.
F. S. Dodge was next put on to show
the value of the leases, but the court
again ruled these out. Mr. Kinney
offered the Honolulu plantation lease
as having been shown in the option to
Captain Merry, and also to show that
a reason for giving the option, was the
benefits expected to accrue to the
Bishop Estate because of the opening
of Pearl Harbor. The lease was re-
fused for all purposes.

J. A. Low, of Honolulu plantation,
was recalled, and testified regarding
the artesian well on the property, and
its value for supplying water to land
planted in cane. With the conclusion
of Mr. Low's testimony, Mr. Kinney
announced, "The respondent rests."

After a brief consultation with Cap-
tain Merry, Mr. Dunne announced that
the United States had no rebuttal to
offer, and rested also. Both attorneys
united in a request that the arguments
to the jury be postponed until this
morning, in order to allow a study of
the evidence. Judge Estee excused the
jury until 10:30 o'clock this morning,
when Mr. Dunne will begin the open-
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case is not expected to go to the jury
before tomorrow.

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